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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Chief, CI Staff

SUBJECT: James Goodrich McCARGAR

1. With reference to my 23 February 1966 memo, same Subject, a further review of [] and the provision of information from OS produced only the following information concerning McCARGAR's whereabouts during the period 1958-1965:

A) He apparently maintains permanent residence in Paris. It is believed this address is 110 Rue de Bac, Paris VII.

B) In December 1958 - McCARGAR, in the process of presenting his demands for compensation as a result of his attempt to fight his termination from FEC, asked that \$35000 be deposited in a Swiss Bank for insult and defamation of character. The Swiss Bank is not identified in the files reviewed.

C) In January 1963 McCARGAR was resident in Spain at: Villa Los G---neos (3 letters missing - punched out Calle de las Mercedes 8 when letter filed) Torremolinos Malaga, Spain

(see attachment 1)

D) In 1965, at least March to June, McCARGAR was in Italy where he apparently was working on his proposed book about the Hungarian Revolution which you know about. The file does not contain any address or city where McCARGAR was resident nor is there any indication of how long he may have been in Italy other than his reference to April and the information he was seen in Paris o/a 2 July. His correspondence about this book begins in March, from Italy, with continuing 3 way correspondence between McCARGAR, [] and Mr. Frank Wisner but the copies of the correspondence in the file have been sterilized, i.e.,

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2. Specifically there is no information available in the files indicating McCARGAR's travel to England, Germany, Spain or Switzerland other than the above. Please note para 1B above indicates possible connections with Switzerland. In fact the material reviewed does not record travel even for the period McCARGAR was employed by the Free Europe Committee. It seems logical to assume, however, that he would have traveled extensively in Europe since his FEC job involved exile and emigre activities. Possibly these activities could have involved travel to Sapin, at least before 1958, in connection with RFE, radio Madrid, and other propaganda activities but except for the periods in 1962-63 and 1965 when McCARGAR was in the process of attempting to arrange to have his book published CIA has not recorded his activities.

3. Presumably, however, McCARGAR, in 1962 and 1963, possibly as early as 1961 since his manuscript for "A Short Course in the Secret War" was completed in April 1962, has visited England specifically to contact his British publishers, SECKER and WARBURG. It is possible also that he might have contacted the publishers as early as March 1961.

4. It seems logical also to assume that McCARGAR may visit the UK fairly regularly because his wife was British and, according to his 1948 PHS, had relatives and connections in the UK indicating McCARGAR might enjoy or have developed access through his wife to Britishers of some prominence, including MPS. His wife, the former Geraldine Claudia COOPER-KEY, was born 26 March 1920, Sandgate, Kent, England. During WW II she was in the Air Ministry and was variously secretary to Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles MEDHURST; Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur LONGMORE and Air Commodore Peter WARBURTON. In 1948 Mrs. McCARGAR's parents were deceased but at that time she listed a 2nd cousin as Lady Penelope KING, St. Mawer, Cornwall and another 2nd cousin as McNeill COOPER-KEY, a member of Parliament. Two other 2nd cousins were listed in the British Army.

5. The only record of an alias used by McCARGAR is the Christopher FELIX he used for his book.

6. His lawyers in 1959 when he was seeking redress from the FEC were a Pierre Le PAUL, apparently in New York,

and, in Paris Barent TENYCK, a member of the law firm headed by Alex COUDERT.

7. The 201 file is, of course, singularly sterile with respect to McCARGAR's duties for the FEC and his contacts, associates and activities among exiles and emigres. The only substantive information about his contacts which might reflect concern about them deals with his activities in Budapest. (attachment 2). McCARGAR's activities for the Agency, i.e. FEC, as recorded do not indicate any involvement in DDP activities which concerned clandestine FI or CI activities. His actual role or functions in CA activities is obscure in the sense that all such CA activities involving FEC, RFE, etc., are poorly recorded and defined. At this time it is not possible to attempt to reconstruct his knowledge of clandestine operations during the period 1955-1958 without a great deal of research into material which presumably would be related or possibly related to exile-emigre activities in Paris and other areas of Europe. It would appear, however, that his direct access to and knowledge about, to say nothing of participation in, clandestine operations was very limited except, of course, what he might learn or glean from CA officers and other DDP personnel he contacted.

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Attachments: a/s